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Workforce Board Colleagues:

For your information and consideration, I am forwarding this message from Trentwell 'Pete' White, the Business Outreach Director of a large Statewide project with the VCCS, funded by the National Science Foundation. The Project is working to create model information technology training curricula that will range from high school, community college and four year institutions. The following email from Pete outlines the Project and its anticipated results.

Please use this email as an introduction of Pete and this important Statewide project. He will be contacting several of the WIB Directors soon, primarily in Tidewater, Central and Southwest Virginia. If you want to contact Pete directly, his email and phone number is at the message end.

Thank you for your consideration. This Project views all of the Virginia Workforce Areas as important partners and I trust that you will be able to participate.

David Hunn  
Northern Virginia WIB

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The second phase of a multi-year NSF grant project is underway. This cross-state project, titled "Dominion Techways: Career Pathways for the

New Technology Professional" has as its ultimate objective the development of model IT curricula which will be groundbreaking from the following standpoints:

1. The curricula will range across the entire secondary and post-secondary (i.e., 4-2-2) school/community college/university period, with appropriate articulation agreements to maximize dual-credit classes;
2. The curricula will be substantially infused with business "value delivery" skills (formerly known as "soft" skills) that are increasingly required of technology professionals in business and industry jobs today, and
3. Importantly, the curricula will be developed incorporating not only business & industry active cooperation but also the utilization of real-world business problems to be solved in the course of classroom studies. The latter point is particularly important in achieving

business and industry involvement in IT education and in strengthening students' ability to integrate technical, problem solving, and interpersonal skills...thus making them more valuable future employees.

There are four curricular programs to be initially developed as state wide models. These will be developed by teams in Northern Virginia (Lord Fairfax and Northern Virginia community colleges, with selected secondary school and university partners), Hampton Roads (Thomas Nelson CC and its partners), Southside (Tidewater CC and its partners) and Southern Virginia (New River and Virginia Western CC and their partners). Each regional team will develop one curricular 4+2+2 path working with representatives of its respective local business community with guidance and support from a state leadership team, headed by

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Elizabeth Creamer, VCCS Director.

To achieve this very ambitious goal, the advice and assistance of the several Workforce Investment Boards that are responsible for the four targeted program areas is earnestly solicited. Specifically, whatever information is available in the way of area environmental scans in terms of IT skills needed by local business communities would be extremely helpful in shaping the curricular programs. Secondly, the WIBS can be invaluable in pointing out local business organizations (e.g., Tech Councils, Chambers of Commerce, etc.) and individual employers who might be interested in participating in this curricular development, and

perhaps in bringing businesses to the table.

We would appreciate your forwarding this information to Virginia's WIBs. I am the member of the VCCS NSF leadership team that is tasked to

interface with business and industry, and--as such--I would like to schedule visits to meet with WIB officials and representatives that may be interested in this state wide program. I will be contacting the WIB Directors to ask for appointments for meetings in the near future and

would greatly appreciate a word of introduction from you. Should WIBs like to initiate contact with me, my contact information is [twhite@nl.edu](mailto:twhite@nl.edu); phone (703) 394-6914

We are grateful for your assistance and look forward to working with the Northern Virginia WIB and other Boards across the state.

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